

the position of Chief, Fuels Management Flight, 43rd Logistics Readiness Squadron at Pope Air Force Base, North Carolina.

By focusing his career on the critical logistical tasks required in maintaining the Air Force's ability to launch aircraft, Chief Sledz's efforts have contributed mightily to the safety and well being of the citizens of this country and the stability of the world. We owe him a debt of gratitude that is impossible to repay. He has set a high example of service, leadership, caring, and commitment that all would do well to follow.

Madam Speaker, I congratulate Chief Sledz and his family on his well-deserved retirement, and ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating his accomplishments.

HONORING DR. VINCENT J. VIVONA

### HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 2, 2009*

Mr. PALLONE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the accomplishments of Dr. Vincent J. Vivona, who has dedicated his time to fighting cardiovascular disease and stroke. Throughout his many years of service, Dr. Vivona has worked to make the community of Ocean County a healthier place to live. On May 30, 2009 his accomplishments earned him the Ronald Rubinstein, M.D. Hearts-In-Action Award, presented by the American Heart Association/American Stroke Association at the annual Have A Heart Ball.

Once a year, this prestigious award is given to a health care professional who embodies the spirit and commitment of Dr. Ronald Rubinstein. As a former regional president of the American Heart Association Board in Central-South Jersey, Dr. Rubinstein devoted himself to his community. Dr. Vivona has inherited this passion by also using his skills for the benefit of those around him.

Dr. Vivona has become a valuable member of the state of New Jersey, and this is largely due to his distinguished past. He is the founding member of Brick Cardiovascular Specialists P.A., a group that strives to provide its patients with the highest quality medical care. Additionally, Dr. Vivona has served as Chief of Staff at Ocean Medical Center and Chief of Cardiology at Community Medical Center. Currently, he is an active member of the American College of Physicians and the American College of Cardiology, two institutions that relentlessly strive for a healthier America.

Rarely do you find someone who has such a deeply rooted interest in the well-being of his community. Dr. Vivona has practiced in Ocean County for the past 30 years. Moreover, he has resided within Toms River for 29 years. Dr. Vivona's place in the New Jersey community has allowed the citizens of my great state to receive the best care in dealing with cardiovascular disease and stroke. I am certain that Dr. Vivona will continue to serve his community with the same dedication he has shown in the past.

Madam Speaker, I sincerely hope that my colleagues will join me in congratulating Dr. Vivona on this achievement and thanking him for his service to the community. His accomplishments will continue to benefit and inspire my constituents and future generations.

MISTY HOCKMAN

### HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 2, 2009*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Misty Hockman who has received the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Misty Hockman is a senior at Arvada High School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Misty Hockman is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential that students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic that will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations once again to Misty Hockman for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication she has shown in her academic career to her future accomplishments.

HONORING NI INDUSTRIES, INC.

### HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 2, 2009*

Mr. RADANOVICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate NI Industries, Inc. for over fifty-five years of business in Stanislaus County. Although the company is relocating, I would like to recognize NI Industries for its success while in California.

NI Industries, formally known as Norris Industries, Inc., was founded in 1930. The company manufactures over four hundred high quality munitions products including cartridge cases, mortars, projectile bodies, grenade bodies, rocket motors, warheads and rocket launchers. Headquartered in Vernon, California, NI is the United States Army's Industrial Mobilization Base Supplier with over one million square feet in manufacturing space. Their unique capabilities are unrivalled anywhere in the world, with over fifteen hundred pieces of equipment and many thousand tons of press capacity.

NI has been the operating contractor at the Riverbank Army Ammunitions Plant in Riverbank, California since 1951. Since the reactivation of the cartridge case facility at the Riverbank plant ten years ago, the company has produced over half a million cases of the Navy's 5"/54 gun and the Army's 105mm gun on the Stryker. NI Industries has also been an innovative leader in the development of the steel cartridge case for the Navy's 155mm-Advanced Gun Systems (AGS) for the DD (1000) Program.

The metal manufacturing technology that NI uses employs a deep draw process and a unique technology, to produce a single, unwelded piece of alloyed metal with high precision to fit a complex configuration. The company has management, technical and manufacturing teams with hundreds of years of experience in the defense industry. They take

great pride in their engineers and researchers, as well as their production artisans and machinists. With the registration of the ISO 9001 and the ISO 14001, NI has taken appropriate steps to further ensure both products and processes meet the highest quality and environmental standards. Their attention to detail and technical capabilities has earned NI the reputation for being the only munitions manufacturer capable of deep drawing a combination of steel, brass and aluminum.

Due to the outcome of the 2005 Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission Law, the highly successful cartridge case facility at the Riverbank Army Ammunitions Plant will be beginning the relocation process in June 2009. The plant is being relocated to Rock Island Arsenal, Illinois, and the relocation project will be completed in 2012. NI will operate the new facility and continue its production of cartridge cases and other products with the same care of quality.

Madam Speaker, I rise today to wish NI Industries the best of luck with the relocation. I encourage my colleagues to join me in wishing NI Industries, Inc. continued success.

RECOGNIZING THE RETIREMENT OF LIEUTENANT COLONEL JOSEPH M. ARTHUR

### HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 2, 2009*

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Madam Speaker, it is with great honor that I rise today to recognize the retirement of Joseph Arthur, Special Assistant to the Commander 919th Special Operations Wing, Eglin AFB, Duke Field, Florida.

Lieutenant Colonel Arthur was commissioned through the Air Force Officer Training School in 1981 and entered Undergraduate Pilot Training (UPT) in 1982. Upon graduation from UPT, he was assigned to the 711th Special Operations Squadron as an AC-130A Spectre Gunship Pilot. In 1997, he joined the 5th Special Operations Squadron (SOS) flying the MC-130P. During his service with the 5th SOS, Lieutenant Colonel Arthur served as Aircraft Commander, Instructor Pilot, Chief Pilot, Chief of Training, Director of Operations and Combat Mission Commander.

Lieutenant Colonel Arthur has deployed and supported combat operations in the air and on the ground in support of Operations Just Cause, Restore Democracy, Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom. His command experience in support of the Global War on Terrorism includes serving as Mission Commander, Air Force Special Operations Detachment-South, Jacobabad Air Base, Pakistan, Deputy Commander, Joint Special Operations Air Component, Masirah Air Base, Oman. His other deployments include peacetime aerial reconnaissance missions in Central America and participation in military operations over Haiti.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, I am proud to recognize Lieutenant Colonel John M. Arthur for his excellent leadership and selfless service in the United States Air Force and wish him well in his retirement.